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The Helena McMillan Education Fund Committee is now ready to receive applications from Alumnae members for loans. These may be from \$25.00 to \$500.00. Loans will be made so long as funds are available. 2% interest and repayment of the principal within three years is asked. We want to keep the fund active and we will welcome contributions.

Alice M. Morse, Chairman
Helena McMillan Loan Fund Committee,
700 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

COMMENCEMENT

We regret very much the necessity to extend to each of you through the *News Letter* this year, your invitation to attend the graduation exercises of the class of 1942. This measure was taken in accordance with the Defense policy of economy and in view of the enormous increase in the cost of and shortage of materials involved. Commencement exercises will be held at 3 P. M. on Tuesday, April 21st at Sprague Home. Dean Allen of the University of Illinois will address the class of 66 and their friends and relatives.

On Sunday, April 19th, Baccalaureate Services will be held at 7:45 P. M. at the Third Presbyterian Church. And probably on the Wednesday following Graduation, as is their custom, the Alumnae will give a Luncheon for the Graduates. When arrangements have been decided upon, notices will be sent out as usual.

UNIT 13

Unit 13 is very much alive and is sponsoring a most interesting series of Thursday evening meetings at which announcements are made, discussions held, and fine lectures given by our Doctors on their special fields as they may be seen in this war. These sessions are very well attended and foster a fine spirit.

Three cheers for Ruth Brown, 1910, who has recruited 3 nurses from her St. Luke's Hospital in Racine for Unit 13. We need 70 more and each of you can help to recruit them wherever you are. Have eligible

nurses join the Red Cross Reserve and apply thru the Red Cross for admission to Unit 13 whenever it is called up. Also have them write Miss Crout at 1750 W. Congress.

You will be glad to know that Nelle Crout, First Lieutenant, U. S. A. N. C., and Chief Nurse of Unit 13, has broken the ties of thirteen months work and friendship in Ft. McClellan, Ala., to transfer to Ft. Sheridan to be near enough to assist in organizing the nurses for Unit 13. Much pleasure and satisfaction has been evinced over the appointment of Miss Crout, (1928), and we are sure she will receive the fine cooperation she needs from us all.

Lt. Nelle Crout sent us a copy of the "Medicos", the "sheet" of the Medical dept. at Ft. McClellan, Ala. The Captain of their Detachment had these things to say among others, (just after Pearl Harbor): "I am firmly convinced that this Detachment can and will do whatever tasks are assigned to it, placing personal desires and pleasures in the background and concentrating on how efficiently we can do our individual tasks. Confidence is well placed in you and your ability and willingness to deliver the goods. This Hospital is a permanent fixture of the Post. Whether we of this Detachment operate the institution or other men replace us, it will be the same institution with the same equipment. But let us strive to set up an efficiency record that any other group in the future will find hard to surpass."

Our list of Alumnae already in Service is incomplete but it includes Ruth Louise Smith, 1935, Irene Schermerhorn, 1938, Florence Schneider, 1937,

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Thirty-seven busy housewives came from as far as Crystal Lake one very rainy day in February to register for a refresher course at PHSN, and their number has now increased to 47—24 of whom are Pres graduates. Such pluck and enthusiasm has been an inspiration to the busy Instructors and Supervisors who have taken on this extra task. It was hard to tell on that first day who were the most apprehensive, the teachers who were to refresh their old head nurses, classmates, etc., or the older supervisors, etc., who were to perform unfamiliar tasks for their erstwhile pupils! In a short time, however, it had all become fascinating fun for everyone. One of the record performers of the last war was astounded to find that her first bed bath had taken just one and one-half hours! But she is sure she can whittle that down. When Unit 13 leaves with 120 of our nurses, we will fully appreciate the services of these refreshed nurses. Already their spirit and enthusiasm has infected and refreshed all of us regulars.

At the Dec. meeting of the 1st District, Ill. State Nurses Ass'n, Alice Morse, 1910, Marie Harden, 1929, and Gladys Heikens, 1930, were elected as directors.

Olive Seger, 1914, resigned from our staff to become Executive Sec'y. of Ill. State Nursing Council for Nat'l Defense, and is busy but happy there.

Hazel Taylor, 1921, is at Ann Arbor, Mich., taking some more work in P.H. Because of the War, it will be impossible for her to return to her work in Shanghai at the end of her furlough, but her services will find a ready market here and she is glad of an opportunity to do her part in these busy times as are many other missionary nurses.

Dorothy Rogers Williams, 1921, of Cleveland, Ohio, reports that she has "succumbed to the lure of the hospital world and the call of these troubled times." Mrs. Williams is teaching Classes for the Red Cross now and assisting with the administration end of the Red Cross Blood Donor Service. This last Service "is going full tilt, where we are taking blood from 80 people a day 6 days a week with literally thousands signed up for later weeks."

"People here are most energetic and really work at the committee jobs they undertake."

Mrs. Williams expects to teach 4 hours a week in Nursing Administration to the graduate students at the Bolton School of Nursing at Western Reserve University in the spring quarter.

At Xmas time a wire came from Martha Mills Hills, 1922, saying she and two members of her family were giving anaesthetics at the Sternberg Hospital in Manila, T. P.

Ella Gasman Curry, 1922, of Ft. McArthur, Los Angeles, which "overlooks the harbor to the S. and E. and the city, spread up over the San Pedro Hills, to the W.," writes of the shock and excitement there on Dec. 7th. Many of their friends and neighbors were in Honolulu—"it was a shock to think of lovely Honolulu, where we had spent so many happy years, in such a condition. War, for which I had been trying to brace myself ever since we came back to the States over a year ago, was here like a clap of thunder! Children and neighbors ran in and out talking excitedly of all that had, and would yet, happen. One could not bear to stay alone. Blackout was ordered. Monday was a restless day and that evening, in the blackout, the phone rang to order women and children to evacuate the Post before 8 P. M. Our 'caravan' gathered at the appointed gate and drove without lights to the Y.M.C.A., where we slept on cots in the Gym with only the candlelight." Later they settled in apartments outside the Post and in another week her two boys had adjusted well enough to the unusual conditions to trim their Xmas tree.

Mary Albert McGuffin, 1922, of Calgary, Alberta, was a recent caller at Pres, the first time she has ever been back. On her way, Mrs. McGuffin visited Blanche Bechtold Elliott in Minneapolis. She has two boys, 11 and 16 and Mrs. Elliott has girls of the same age.

Gwynaeth Porter, 1922, on furlough from India, is studying this quarter, and will be calling on us again at Pres. this spring. She has been in Wooster, Ohio, and will likely not be able to return to India during the war. India's loss will be our gain.

Miss Porter visited her sister, Mildred Porter Dingle, 1925, at Singapore on her way home from India. "After all these years in hospital work, I am growing in the conviction that India needs more Preventa-

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tive efforts, so I hope to learn at least the principles of such work in case I am set free to try out some of my theories." We believe Miss Porter is now at the University of Chicago learning her "principles."

Vesta Knight Wrenne, 1925, writes from Atlanta, Ga., that she has completed her refresher course and is nursing there in Atlanta.

Irene Eby, 1926, was in Cleveland attending the Bolton School of Nursing at Western Reserve University for the 1940-41 academic year and obtained her Certificate in P.H. nursing last June. Miss Eby is now back in Springfield as supervising Dental Ass't Nurse in the Div. of Dental Health Education of the Dept. of P.H. She is still very much interested in P.H.S.N. and its Alumnae activities, however.

Marian Taylor McClain, 1927, is very happily situated in West Hartford, Conn. She writes that she has applied for state registration in order to do her part in the desperate shortage of nurses due to their enrollment in P.H. and Red Cross. Mrs. McClain will do active nursing in the Hartford Hospital.

Margaret Durler Murdoch, 1927, is also doing her bit for defense by taking on Hourly Nursing in her home community of Hinsdale, Ill. This is a fine idea for you girls who have home duties, too.

Margaret Withrow Renwick, 1928, is now the Head Nurse at the Clinic Hospital in Michigan City, Ind.

Alice Roller Sills, 1930, is living in London, Ontario, where her husband, a Captain in the Canadian Army Medical Corps is located, or was at Christmas time. Mrs. Sills writes that they like army life and that she finds the volunteer war work she is doing, is interesting.

Margaret Lee Kesler, 1933, of Oak Park, was a recent caller. She is active in the work of the junior branch of the Girls Scouts known as Brownies, and hopes to be able to give a day a week to nursing when Unit 13 is mobilized.

Esther Bachmann, 1935, sent a greeting from Birmingham, Ala., and reported that Peggy Brown Woodall, 1935, was going to

her home in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., while her husband should remain on maneuvers.

Ruth Compton, 1935, writes from Ft. Benj. Harrison, Ind., "I am a member of the A.R.N.C. and have been since last June. This is a 1000 bed hospital but is not nearly completed. The need was so great they had to start using it before it was finished. There are about 600 patients here now. Every Army Post in every camp of the 5th, 6th, and 7th corps areas is allowed to send a certain percentage of its patients here. The cases are all diseases of long standing with a lot of orthopedic work and also major surgery."

Mildred Schlekau Mankin, 1937, writes from Oregon, "Am making my home in Portland, 'The City of Roses,' and what a lovely spot to live. During my stay in the hospital (when Connie Lou was born), I became acquainted with a Mrs. Maude Potter who at one time did general duty at Pres. She is now night nurse at the Hahne-mann Hospital in the Maternity dept. Any nurses from Pres. visiting in Portland would be more than welcome at my home—5034 N. E. Cleveland."

Cornelia Lievense, 1938, writes from Mich., "Miss (Joyce) Notier and I are finally settled in Grand Rapids. We are both working for the Community Health Service and finding the work very interesting. Miss Notier is a full fledged staff nurse while I'm a rather bewildered student. It is all so very different but we receive an excellent basic training for P.H. nursing. Every Thursday evening finds us in class from 7 to 9 P. M. taking an extension course from the U. of Mich., taught by Miss Herringshaw from the U. Several meetings for the nurses of this district, as well as conventions are planned for the winter months and I foresee a busy time ahead." Miss Lievense was a recent holiday caller at Pres.

Irene Bonesteel, 1939, is the new head nurse on 3rd Lower.

Eunice Thompson, 1939, is head nurse on B lower.

Ruth Stauffer, 1939, is now a head nurse in the Dispensary.

Mary Pierce, 1939, is back from Calif. and on the staff at Billings Memorial Hospital.

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Mildred Richardson, 1939, has returned to Pasadena, Calif.

Margaret King Mumler, 1939, recently went to San Francisco to spend a few days with Dr. Mumler before his unit sailed for active duty.

Kathleen Phillips, 1941, is first hour nurse in the O. R.

Verna Hoiby, 1941, is the head nurse on the newly decorated and very recently opened section for women's medical cases here at Pres. The old 32 and 33 are one 4 bed unit with glass partitions; the kitchen is a 2 bed; 53, 54, and 55 are 4 bed units; and 56, and 34 are 2 bed units.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Campbell, May Winans, 1926, of Palos Heights, Ill., a daughter, Shontsine, on Feb. 1st, at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Cunningham, Eloise Edwards, 1933, a son, Allen Smith, on Jan. 17th, at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. William Steiner, Marie Kolbus, 1936, a daughter, Margaret Marie, on Sept. 24th, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rupp, Erma Peterson, 1937, a daughter, Barbara Jane, on Dec. 31, at Pres.

MARRIAGES

Sylvia Jacobson Dexter, 1927, to Mr. Bennett Parker of Wilmette, Ill., last Fall.

Dorothy Dickey, 1938, to Mr. K. Donald Stettler on October 20th, in Cordova, Alaska.

Margaret Ramskill Anderson, 1938, to Dr. W. C. Dailey of Grand Forks, N. D.

Helen Currier, 1938, to Dr. John Thomas Armstrong on December 13th, in New York City.

Grace Fredrick, 1939, to Mr. John W. Rexroat, of Melrose Park, Ill.

Marion Guild, 1941, to Mr. William E. Pearce on November 14th, in Oak Park, Ill.

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Dorothy Dickey Settler, 1938, writes from Cordova, Alaska, where she went from

San Bernardino, Calif., last September to nurse in the hospital there. Mrs. Stettler married in October. "If this letter does not reach you in 20 days, you will have to blame the boats, because since the war they are none too regular. Cordova is the grandest place I have ever been. It is a fishing town of about 1000 population, beautifully located on the bay with mountains all around. There are many trees, mostly pine, and the Copper River runs along one side of the town as does Lake Feak. We have a sum total of 10 miles of road; 7 one way around the Lake and 3 the opposite way to the Point. The town itself is built on small hills. We have electric lights, telephone, wooden sidewalks, theater, hardware and drug store, two clothing stores, bank, post office and a 16 bed hospital. It is one of the friendliest places I have ever been in, with a great deal of social activity.

We have an apartment on the third floor and never tire of the view out of our windows—the mountains seem almost close enough to touch and all day the sun seems to be playing hide and seek behind the mountain peaks, one after another until sunset time when it slowly and beautifully falls off the mountains into the bay—stopping long enough to give off the most beautiful colors any sunset possibly could, then fades into the water.

About $\frac{1}{4}$ of the population is native Indian (not Eskimo) Alaskan who do not mix with the whites much, and have a separate school, church, etc.

Since the war we have had our Defense Committee going at full speed. I know very little about it except what the Medical Division is doing. It has divided the town into zones with a nurse or some one with First Aid training and experience in charge of each. The hospital is the center and each "head" has a well equipped bag of supplies. Trucks have been fixed as stretcher carriers, and some cabins on the river flat have been equipped to evacuate the women and children in case the town is bombed. The P.H. Nurse and myself are teaching classes of 25 women First Aid. Then too, I help with the production end of the Red Cross. It is not likely that we will be bombed as this is not an Army or Naval base, but one never knows."

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Esther Salzman, 1933, wrote last July from Kinwa, Chekiang, China, which is some 400 miles west of Shanghai, inland in free China. There are only 5 "foreigners" in Kinwa, another young woman missionary, a minister who is superintendent of the hospital as well as evangelist, and his wife who directs the refugee work, and a Catholic priest from Canada. "It was only 2 weeks after arriving that the city had one of its worst bombings and we packed up and became refugees for 2 weeks. There is a good dugout in our back yard and the folks from the town come to it as soon as the warning sounds.

Now we are using the dugout for an ice box. A few times the cook has had to run down to rescue our food before the crowd arrives! Of course we do not claim that our refrigerator makes ice cubes but it does improve the taste of boiled water!

Rebuilding of stores and houses has started. Along with the debris of bombings and fires, the streets are being widened, so there seems to be stones and dirt piled everywhere. It is true that the structures being put up are not very substantial but when one remembers that it may be only a short time until the next bombing, one must admire the courage of the builders rather than criticize the material.

Of course the important thing about a place is the people one finds there. I believe it would be hard to find a place in China with a nicer group of folks.

Language is the work of the day and I spend my "recreational hours" over at the hospital. There are certainly a lot of difficulties connected with running a hospital and nursing school in this land in these days, but much good is being done by the institution. There are both boys and girls in training, most of them very young and some of them have had little general education; all of which means they need much training and supervision.

There is also a school, to which the children come as early as 4 A. M. as soon as it is light! Due to conditions the Middle School has been having classes out in the country. They are making use of a temple and it is interesting to see the girls getting

a Christian education literally at the feet of numerous hideous idols! The large room with the ancestral tablets is the dormitory and the girls have to move out whenever a funeral or festival takes place.

This is the rainy hot season of the year which the people call Mei or mouldy time. It is well named for even my dictionary which I use every day has mould on it. Shoes, suitcases, etc., turn green overnight. We have to put the radio and batteries back of the stove to get them dry enough to hear the news broadcast which keeps us in daily touch with the outside world. Our house is about the coolest in town. It is built on a hill, a great 11 room place with an ample supply of doors and windows. After so many years of living in one room this is luxury. Mail is slow in coming but just because a letter is three months old, the news is not less interesting."

Winona Hayenga Thorne, 1928, writes from the Cameroun in West Africa: "The past year has been the busiest one we have had out here. The many Europeans who have been cut off from their homeland and source of supplies have come to the mission for help. Some were due to go on furlough when the war began and have had to stay on, so are very tired and under par physically. The separation and inability to hear from their loved ones has been a great strain. Dr. Weber and the two native dental assistants have a constant waiting list of patients from this and neighboring colonies. Our optical department was equipped to care for the need of the natives, but this year it has been busy supplying also the needs of those who cannot return to Europe. Many an hour has been spent carefully grinding an oval lense to fit a round frame!

In 11½ months we have cared for 88 white people for 878 hospital days. This is about triple that of other years. The two houses equipped for light housekeeping have been occupied almost constantly and the missionaries have cared for those who did not come prepared to take care of themselves. We have served 1500 meals to patients and guests from our own kitchen. We are happy to hear that a hotel is being planned for at Ebolowa, the government post.

Our native work has kept pace with that of other years and has been executed to a

great extent by our native assistants who have gladly carried the heavy load. The nursery is always a source of wonder and when people watch the 15 orphaned babies in their play pen, they clap their hands and talk about the many babies who have died in their homes before they knew such babies were worth saving. We have also cared for several incubator babies and the last one weighed 2 pounds and 5 ounces when it was a month old.

In August of 1941 we received letters sent from home in July of 1940. It would be interesting to know of their long journey. Many of our missionaries have been able to return to America for their furloughs and all have arrived safely. Two are on their way to South Africa for 6 months in Capetown and two parties have arrived back on the field.

This year will long be remembered by the Bulu people for, at last, the long prayed

for Bible has arrived. For years the New Testament and parts of the old have been available to them, but now they have the complete Book bound in one volume. So far only 2000 copies have come and as it was being printed in England, there have been many delays due to the war. Each time a shipment comes it is hard to see those who are disappointed because there is no assurance as to when the next ones will come.

In April we had a two week holiday and Dr. Thorne and Dr. Davies went elephant hunting and actually shot one. It was close enough to our station at Sakbayeme so we could walk out and see it before the natives started to cut it up. It was quite a thrilling sight to see such a huge animal, in fact it took 50 men to carry all the meat to the station. We tried to fry a piece of the trunk but it was too tough to really enjoy, although the natives enjoy every bit of it."

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the benches so very hard. We sat and shook all evening and I thought we would all have pneumonia to-day, but, alas, I feel quite O. K., although I'm not sure I'm thawed out yet! A few days ago we were invited for dinner on one of the ships with a convoy here. We thoroughly enjoyed the delicious fried chicken and FRESH vegetables. It seems our supply of FRESH food just hasn't reached us so we are living on spam, hash and more spam! Last week we had a terrific gale, wind velocity of 137 miles per hour. It lasted all day, blew ships up out of the water, and people flew around the area like a bunch of birds without wings—finally to settle in some very muddy ditch. Trying to pick themselves up only added to their confusion as they found themselves splashed all over the road and into another hole. Honestly you couldn't help but laugh at the sights! The ends blew out of some of our huts, leaving the occupants most embarrassed and at the complete mercy of the elements. Many of us stayed in our huts on duty without going to mess even. It is rather nice here to-day and the scenery is magnificent. You have no idea how good it is to receive reading material! We are reading old magazines from 1936. Give my regards to everyone I know."

Isabelle Ditton, 1941, is with the Army Nurse Corps at Shephard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas.

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Florence Anderson Robinson, 1912, spent a few days in Chicagoland with friends and classmates. Mrs. Robinson's home is in Santa Monica, Calif., where her husband is located with the Douglas Aircraft Co.

Eula Butzerin, 1914, associate professor of nursing education at the U. of Chicago, was recently the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses in Winnipeg, Canada.

Frances Woodside Shaw, 1915, of Haines City, Fla., recently communicated with her School of Nursing.

Verda Hickcox, 1916, in charge of the O. B. and Gyn. departments at the New York Hospital, and

Edna Braun, 1916, in charge of Out O. B. department at University Hospital, Omaha, Neb., were April callers here on their way

from the Gyn. and O. B. convention at St. Louis.

Jennie Jacobs, 1918, is still in Foo Chow, China, at the Willis and F. Pierce Memorial Hospital where she is Superintendent. Her mother writes that she would not leave as there were nearly 200 patients and 50 nurses. She last came to her home in Orange City, Iowa, nearly four years ago, where her parents, who are both over 80 years of age, still reside. Mail service to all foreign ports in the war areas has been discontinued for the duration of the war.

Emma Matill, 1921, who is engaged in P. H. nursing at Pipestone, Minn., was a winter visitor with friends here.

Myra Charle Saunders, 1923, of St. Louis, has taken a refresher course at St. Mary's Hospital connected with the University there and expects to do private duty nursing.

Jessa Mooney, 1924, resigned from the staff at Pres. early this year.

Merle Love, 1925, is Director of Nurses at Presbyterian Hospital in Denver, Colo.

Marjorie Edwards, 1926, has returned from a trip to the West Coast.

Helen Nelson, 1928, has written from Honolulu that everyone is very busy there but life goes on quite normally, even for the Japs who are not engaged in work important to the military. She herself now owns and operates a Business College there.

Maellen Lieber Haroldson, 1928, is the Supervisor of the O. B. department at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria, Ill.

Jeanette Veldman, 1929, was reported as interned on the island of Kulangsu, China by the Japanese shortly before the first of the year.

Dr. Ruth E. Church, 1929, is Medical Director of Washington County Health Unit in Washington, Iowa.

Lois Morrow Good, 1929, writes from Prospect, Bermuda, "I do enjoy the News Letter and the Hospital Bulletin. It's nice to hear about everybody and there are so many interesting letters. We are thankful to still be in Bermuda and we are very happy with our little Mary Ellen who is just over a year old. I expect the war is making a great deal of difference to you all. Bermuda has changed a great deal but is still beautiful. The bases are tremendous projects and they have done wonders. We are getting used to blackouts.

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Mildred Kisling Cook, 1930, writes from Honolulu, "I'm not doing any nursing but I am on the volunteer list in case of an emergency. We feel very much protected and have no concern but that the army and navy here can handle any situation that may arise. Our nightly blackout is commonplace, our air bomb shelter is complete and a gas mask is part of our costume. I surely do enjoy the news of the Alumnae."

Pearl Garnass, 1930, who has been in Pennsylvania for the last three years, is now taking graduate work at the University of Minn.

Virginia Ray, 1931, is Surgical Supervisor at Presbyterian Hospital in Denver.

Ellen Louise McCumber, 1931, is now in charge of the Examining Room here at Pres.

Blanche Kennell Eisele, 1931, and her guest, Sylvia Kirk Halass, 1931, of Denver, Colo., were recent callers at Pres. Mrs. Halass was enroute to Washington, D. C., where her husband is now located.

Ida McDonald, 1931, conducted an institute for supervisors, head and general duty nurses, in April in Winnipeg under the auspices of the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses. Miss McDonald is assistant professor of nursing education at the U. of Minn., where she spends much of her time in the hospitals with the supervisors and head nurses. She spent some time at the University Hospital in Omaha before going to the U. of Minn.

Frances Locke, 1931, is working as a reserve counsellor with the Kellogg Foundation and in the Barry County (Mich.) Health Department.

Naidiene Kinney, 1937, has been taking P. H. work at the U. of Mich. at Ann Arbor this spring.

Martha Brobeck, 1941, is head of the nursing service in a 50 bed hospital in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Vivian Stough, 1942, and Esther Montgomery, 1942, will join Miss Brobeck's staff after June 1st.

SPRAGUE HOME

Dear Dot:

Did you know —? I'm a sweet girl graduate — at least I'm a graduate, and it certainly is a wonderful feeling, as you no doubt recall. The time just dragged along

for the last two weeks, and then all of a sudden Commencement week was upon us, and was gone before we could catch our breath. The activities started off with a "bang" on the seventh of April, when the Alumnae invited us to a Smogasbord here at the nurses home. It was grand — every bit as good as the "Bit o' Sweden" downtown, and with an excellent program besides. I do wish you could have come back for it; there were a lot of your friends here, and so many of them asked about you. Miss McMillan was here (of course our class didn't know her, since we enrolled just too late), and Miss Russell, too. It was so good to see her. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Glenn Drake, a tenor who could do more than sing. He gave the most interesting talk on "Sincerity and Its Effect on the Public," which sounds quite profound, but turned out to be the most timely sort of advice on the technique of public approach, done up in an entirely new package. I hope I don't forget his helpful hints—they ought to make a new woman of me.

Do you remember the Director's dinner when you finished training? Well, that was a memorable occasion for us too. It was on the evening of the 17th, over in the old internes' dining room, and we had the most delicious fried chicken. Wish I had some more right now. After the dinner the two classes, the spring and fall groups, presented their class gifts, the spring class giving five dozen sterling inlaid teaspoons with two sugar shells, and the fall class a beautiful silver tea service, to be used at the various teas and receptions here at Sprague Home. All in all, it was a momentous occasion.

Then came Baccalaureate. It was at Third Presbyterian Church as always, and a very fine service. Reverend Hickman gave the address—"Living on the Sunrise Side."

Monday the graduating class were hostesses at a tea for our mothers and friends, here in the nurses home. We had lovely refreshments, and our silver was on display. There was even a nice background of string music, furnished by a trio composed of Dr. Verbrugghen—no less—, Dr. Textor, and Miss Ratajack, one of the students. It was grand to meet so many of the mothers and friends of our classmates.

Commencement of course was the best of all, because then we received our pins and

diplomas. (There were a few of us lucky ones who did not have to give them back after the program.) Mr. Arthur G. Cable, vice president of the Board, presided, and Dr. Raymond B. Allen, Executive Dean of the Chicago Colleges of the University of Illinois, gave the address. Miss Froehlke presented us to Mr. Cable, who handed us our diplomas, and to Mrs. Clyde E. Shorey, the president of the Woman's Board, who gave us the pins. Music — very good music, too — was furnished by Louise Leonard's "little" brother, Calvin, and by a string trio composed of student nurses. It was all very exciting and impressive, and an occasion which I know none of us will forget.

And then, before we knew it, it was all over. But one by one the girls are putting on their white uniforms, and graduation will soon be a reality for us all, instead of just a ceremony.

Well, now I know how you must have felt putting on your white for the first time. I just hope that in the next five years I'll have put my training to as good use as you have.

Write when you can,

Your sis,

Ann.

WEDDINGS

Bertha Gaeckle, 1928, to Mr. Carl E. Eckhart, on March 12th in Chicago.

Margaret Pope Montgomery, 1935, to Mr. John Howard Raftery on May 2nd in St. Marks church in Geneva, Ill.

Ruth Bergstrom, 1938, to Mr. Arthur John Wetle on April 18th, in Buena Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Mr. Wetle is now engaged in defense work but expects to go into the Army soon.

Helen Wilder, 1937, to Mr. C. E. Lange of Chicago.

Cornelia Lievense, 1938, to Capt. George Svoboda on May 8th at Sumter, So. Carolina.

Dixie R. Schmidt, 1938, to Charles Morris of San Bernardino, Calif.

Irene Bonesteel, 1939, to Dr. V. B. Sorenson on March 21st in Evanston, Ill.

Virginia James, 1939, to Lt. Victor E. Rivera, M. D., on February 16th in San Juan Porto Rico.

Mary Elizabeth Pierce, 1939, to Mr. Frank Johnson of Chicago on May 9th.

Mary E. Johnson, 1941, to Mr. Howell Roberts on February 7th.

Dorothy Vinall, 1941, to Mr. Keith Moberg of Davenport, Ia.

Mildred Legvold, 1941, to Mr. R. W. Remensnyder of Chicago.

Esther Bosch, 1941, to Mr. Douglas Pickworth of Waterloo, Ia.

Marjorie Moulton, 1942, to Mr. Royal M. Hodges of White Hall, Ill.

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Beck, Jr. (Eleanor Jones, 1928), a daughter, Nancy Eleanor, on Feb. 26, 1942, at Blackfoot, Idaho.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker (Alvera Johnson, 1928), of New York, a daughter, recently.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Budd (Valeska Behrens, 1931), a son, Philip Albert, on April 20th at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Chapin (Betty Myers, 1936), a son, Keith William, on April 12th at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clutton (Mary Truesdale, 1936), a son, David Stanley, on May 11, at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. George Fahlund (Angie Vandenberg, 1939), a daughter, Gretchen Ann, on January 2nd in Rochester, Minn.

SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the members of the Alumnae Association is extended—

To Doris Patterson Tulisalo (1917), and her daughter, Laila, 1941. Dr. O. W. Tulisalo passed away on March 15th, at Atlanta, Ga.

To Gertrude Dalrymple Huffington (1918), sister, and Beder and Margaret Ellen, children of Henrietta Dalrymple Wood (1919), who passed away at her home in Moline, Ill. on April 23rd.

To Kathryn Froscher Stafford, 1935, and her wee daughter, Mildred Ann, of Hinsdale, Ill. Details of the passing of Captain Stafford are given in the current issue of the Hospital Bulletin.

If transportation does not block present plans, you will receive notice of the annual Outing Meeting of the Alumnae soon. Bring your cameras for it is hoped that we can get to Brookfield Zoo!

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UNIT 13

Summer vacations are over, Fall is about here, and as yet no information has been received about mobilization. However, interest in our Unit No. 13 never wavers. More unit nurses are going on active duty but will return to the Unit when it is mobilized. Gladys Heikens, 1930, is at Fort Sheridan, Myrna Muckler, 1938, left the Health Service at the School to go to Selfridge Field, Mich., and Myrtle Swanson, 1929, is at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Fifty nurses and one hundred and fifty men will soon have completed their typhoid and tetanus inoculations under the supervision of Dr. C. J. Harrison. Army clothing for seventy-seven nurses has been received. Miss N. Crout is still recruiting American Red Cross First Reserve Nurses at her headquarters in the Alumnae Room in Sprague Home for Nurses.

Captain William T. Willis has taken over the work in the Unit 13 Recruiting Headquarters in the Hospital since Major Earl Gray left for Billings General Hospital in Indiana, and Captain John Tysell went to Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Dorothy Ainsworth, 1925, is with the A.N.C. at Ft. O'Reilly, Mo. Ada L. VanOss, 1938, is at Station Hospital No. 4 at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Dorothy Nelson, 1941, Ellen Holmboe, 1941, and Betty Holmgren, 1941, are with the Navy Nurse Corps at Great Lakes.

Kathryn Davison, and Norma Spicer, who are on our staff on first hours now are waiting for their call to serve with the Navy.

Word has been received of the safe arrival of Audrey Ione Williams, 1933, in Australia in June.

Chicago Red Cross activities have claimed Erma LeBert Brannon, 1928, Marion Giddings, 1932, Florence McIver, 1934, and Ruth Alderson, 1939, in addition to Bessie Norstrum, 1932, and Mary Elizabeth Simons, 1936, who have been there since early Spring.

ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES

Eighteen "Refreshers" have been doing service on the general duty staff for from one to six days a week and will continue to do so.

During the vacation period about sixty of our own private duty nurses have come in for twelve days of general duty apiece. This was a voluntary service.

Fifteen of the graduates of the class of 1942 have done their bit for Defense by doing general duty at their own hospital.

We feel sure that their own experience has shown to members of each of these groups the measure of the regular staff's appreciation of their service.

The June 22nd meeting of the Alumnae Association was held in Chicago's China-

town with Alma May Stewart as guide and Hazel Taylor, 1921, recently of Shanghai, as honor guest and speaker. After a tour the good sized group retired to Won Kow's for Chinese food and later to a little church there where Miss Taylor gave a most interesting talk on her beloved China.

The Nurses Convention in May was attended by many of our graduates from afar. Among the large and happy group who came out to Sprague Home for Tea were: Miss McMillan, Mary Wallace Wilson, 1908, of Traer, Iowa; Jean Martin, 1910, Director of Nursing at New England Hospital for Women and Children at Boston, Mass.; Emma Sater, 1911, of St. Joe, Mo.; Mary Cutler, 1916, Director of Nursing at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, O.; Leila

Fletcher, 1916, in charge of nursing at Wisconsin State General Hospital, Madison, Wis.; Mary Billmeyer, 1920, who is engaged in P. H. nursing in Mich.; Doris Kerwin, 1921, of Wisconsin Anti-T. B. Ass'n., who conducted a Round Table at the Convention; Edith Stehle, 1921, Director of Nursing in the Psychopathic unit of the Wisconsin General Hospital at Madison, Wis.; Dorothy Rogers Williams, 1921, of the faculty of Western Reserve University at Cleveland, O., who gave a most inspiring paper on "Nursing Leadership" at the general session; Mary M. Anderson, 1923, of the State Board of Registration in Lansing, Mich.; Mary Edgar, 1924, Director of Nursing Education at Bellevue Hospital in New York City; Mildred Porter Dingle, 1925, recently returned from Singapore; Altha Hallum, 1925, of Dept. of Health of State of Ill. at Peoria, Ill.; Ruth Jackson, 1925, of the same Dept. and place; Sylvia Reese, 1925, one of the three nurse members of a five member State Board of Examiners of Nebraska where Carol Martin, 1906, is *State* Director of Nursing; Ruth Burr, 1928, who is with the Indian Service at Tacoma, Wash.; Cornelia Mokma, 1928, of Pima Hospital, Sacaton, Ariz.; and Audrey Spawn Gallion, 1931, who flew up from Fla., where she is engaged in Federal P. H. work with the migratory workers. This list is unfortunately most incomplete, as those of you who were there know, but it is published for those who have only this contact with their former classmates and friends.

SYMPATHY

Charlotte F. Landt, 1911, who passed away at Presbyterian Hospital on July 4th, is sincerely mourned by her many friends in the Alumnae Association. Her passing is a distinct loss to the Association for she gave unstinted time and energy to its affairs throughout years of valuable service. From 1939 to 1941 Miss Landt was its President. Details of her busy successful career were given in the June-July Hospital Bulletin and the September Bulletin of the Illinois State Nurses Association.

The sincere sympathy of the members of the Alumnae Association is extended to the members of Miss Landt's family;

And to Lura Nelson, 1929, whose mother passed away early this summer;

And to the relatives and friends of Jeanette Fletcher Smith, 1909, who passed away on May 8th in Omaha, Nebraska, after a long illness.

The memory of Charlotte Landt has been honored by several contributions to the M. Helena McMillan Educational Loan Fund. The Fund Committee, of which Alice Morse is chairman, has on hand cards for your use, announcing gifts to this Fund in honor of persons or events.

You will be interested to learn that the committee has made a loan to one young woman to enable her to finish her last semester at school.

ALUMNAE NEWS

Mabel Scott Adams, 1914, of Weirton, W. Va., is visiting her daughter, Mary Eleanor, who is "House Mother" at the Protestant Child Haven on Chicago's south side. Mrs. Adams is enjoying a renewed friendship with classmates and other Alumnae here.

Erminie Gebhart Hiney, 1918, has taken a refresher course and is working at the Northwestern U. Clinics in Chicago.

Geraldine Ferris Whiting (Mrs. Frank J.), 1918, is living in Alderwood Manor near Seattle, Wash. Mr. Whiting and their son were September callers here. Mrs. Whiting's sister, Mrs. Edith Ferris Garner, 1909, lives near her at Renton.

Mabel Hubbard, 1919, has accepted the position as Assistant Nursing Arts Instructor. Mrs. Reeves and she will have a class of sixty young hopefuls to deal with on September 28th.

Amy A. MacOwan, 1922, has moved from Philadelphia to the Nursing department of the University of California at Berkeley.

Gwyneth Porter, 1922, who is on regular furlough from the Punjab, India, has completed a course at the U. of Chicago.

Mildred Porter Dingle, 1925, is back in Wooster, Ohio, with her little son. They are "refugees" from Singapore where her husband probably was taken a prisoner of war. Mrs. Dingle went to Siam in 1928 under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation and, later, when her work was completed she

married Walter Dingle, an Englishman and lived in Malaya. Mrs. Dingle plans to work while waiting for the opportunity to rejoin her husband. She is a sister of Gwyneth Porter, 1922.

If you want to know what carrying the flag on the home front is like, ask Margaret Withrow Renwick, 1928, who is putting in from 12 to 16 hours a day at the 35-bed hospital in Michigan City, of which she has charge.

Carol Brewster Lee, 1929, is reported to be a patient at a T. B. sanitarium. Her home was at Sipe Springs, Texas.

Virginia Patterson Tremayne, 1929, has resigned as head nurse on 2nd lower to do Private Duty. Miss Delahoyde from the staff on C floor is taking her work on 2nd lower.

Ida McDonald, 1931, has accepted a position as Associate Director of the Volunteer Nurses' Aide Corps at the Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D. C. "Mrs. Walter Lippman is Director and is most stimulating to work with—she does the administration, publicity, and such, my job is to assist with all the professional angles. It is an extremely interesting and challenging job and I think the experience of working in a national organization will prove very beneficial when this is all over and I return to a school of nursing."

Clara Koenig, 1933, is now Supervisor of the O. R. at Passavant in Chicago.

Mary Higgins, 1934, is taking a P. H. course at Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., this year.

July callers included Esther Bachman, 1935, who is doing P. H. work in Birmingham, Ala.; and Mrs. Kathryn Froscher Stafford, 1935, and her little daughter of Hinsdale, Ill.

Dorothy Voltz, 1935, resigned from our O. R. staff and spent the summer as Camp Nurse at Strongheart Boy's Camp near Minocqua, Wis.

Myrtle Kooreman, 1939 has been doing Industrial P. H. nursing at the Automatic Electric Co. in Chicago since last December.

Irene Bonesteel Sorenson, 1939, resigned as head nurse on 3rd lower and went to San Diego with her Dr. husband, who is in service there.

Barbara Cruickshank Lutz, 1939, has resigned as head nurse on 2nd upper to be with her husband who is in service with the Navy at Long Beach, Calif.

Madelon Reeves, 1939, has accepted the position as Nursing Arts Instructor. Miss Selma Moody, who resigned that position after two years with us, is leaving to join the A. N. C. at a Post near Colorado Springs, her home.

Carol Smith Berkheiser, 1940, writes from Norfolk, Va., "The Hospital Bulletin and Alumnae News Letter arrived and it is so good to read familiar names and to see to what parts of the world our graduates have gone. I have been married since December 31. My father came from Illinois to perform the ceremony. My husband is a nephew of Dr. E. J. Berkheiser and there is a decided family resemblance in countenance *and* disposition. He is engaged in defense work at the Naval Operating Base here. When this war is over we plan to return to Chicago or near there to take up permanent residence. Norfolk has too many outsiders now to be a true southern city such as one reads about. I have been working on the Maternity floor of a 75 bed hospital and had a patient recently, from Holland, Mich., who knew Cornelia Lievense, Joyce Notier, and the others from there."

Myrtle Lepein, 1941, from the staff on E floor is the new Head Nurse on 3rd Lower.

Bonnie Jean Cruickshank Tarun, 1941, is the new Head Nurse on B Upper, from which position Ellen Ratcliff Shaffer resigned to go with her husband who was called into service.

Magdalene Steward, 1941, is assistant to Julia DenHerder, 1928, the Science Instructor at the School.

Betty Duncan Laforge, 1941, is with the Health Service at the school.

Cora Schultz, 1941, is with the Chicago V. N. A.

Winifred Allen, 1941, has received an appointment to the Chicago V. N. A. staff for September 15th.

Miss Aylward wrote from Manly, Iowa, "The notices of doings and the News Letter are quite welcome as I do like to keep in touch with the School. I find country life is quite strenuous, tho I have none of the responsibility for seeing that things go well. Farming is quite a gamble and needs many compensations. In fact, weather conditions seem to control most activities! Quack grass is the bugbear to deal with. We must hoe it in the hot sunshine or it thinks it is being transplanted and goes right on growing and multiplying! Hens do their best to keep expenses down. They all had chicken-pox in the spring and lost a lot of feathers, so they are a hard looking lot of birds. However, though it is 'setting time' we still get five dozen eggs a day from a few over a hundred hens."

A most interesting letter from Jessie Eymann, 1918, of Honolulu, is shared with us by her family:

"There is far too much mail going by Clipper, so much that there is little weight left for passengers, and there are so many waiting for a chance to go that way. A great many women and children and a few men are evacuating to the coast. Many think that children should be put in mainland schools because ours are more or less disorganized and may be more so. The University is not making contracts with their professors because they do not know that they can function next year. Territorial, City, and County employees have been frozen to their jobs, and their salaries have also been frozen. There is a great shortage of nurses as many left before the freeze order. Many who were doing private duty and hospital work have gone into the medical units—22 of them—which have first aid stations scattered thruout the city. Each unit has 20 in its personnel and is open and functioning 24 hours a day, ready for any emergency. It is thru these F.A. Stations that gasoline ration cards and gas masks are issued, identification cards are given out and fingerprinting is done. At present they are doing mass immunization. Every one is vaccinated and

given typhoid shots. They located a carrier recently.

Our greatest inconvenience at the present time concerns food. One cannot make out a menu and then go to market; one goes to market and then makes out the menu! There is plenty to eat, especially canned things, but at present there is no tuna, no macaroni, no brown sugar, no cottage cheese, none of the ready-mix things as fudge and gingerbread, etc. I haven't seen an orange for about three weeks—and for two weeks we had no lemons—many, many days there is no meat. The butchers just lock up and go home. The past week there has been nothing but beef and for a long time no chicken, turkey or fish. Almost everything is limited as to the quantity one can buy. With all the banana trees on this Island one can't find ripe ones because they are eaten faster than they ripen. So far there has been plenty of papaya and we use it every morning for breakfast. Yesterday for the first time I found fresh frozen orange juice. The frozen fruits and vegetables are plentiful but a bit expensive. We are now having delicious radishes, beet tops and spinach out of our garden and soon the carrots will be ready. Frequently we cannot get eggs and butter but can get enough at a time to last. There are no charge accounts at any of the grocery stores and some have no deliveries, others have delivery three times a week with a \$5.00 order.

Every householder takes certain precautions—military orders—a bomb shelter, boxes or buckets of sand around the premises—a rake and shovel within easy reach and plenty of garden hose.

Among the shortages, I forgot to mention paper. Our newspapers are greatly reduced in size—the merchants are very saving of bags. I take my own bag to the bakers for bread. And the toilet paper situation is becoming serious.

We are getting used to the blackouts—hours have been shortened—7:45 P. M. to 6:30 A. M. Everyone seems content to stay home evenings now. The police and block wardens are ever on the alert for blackout violators and actual violators are given ten days at hard labor. Two policemen stopped here the other evening to say that a streak of yellow light coming from the top of one of our windows could be seen

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NOTICE

December 21st, 1942—Headquarters of the Sixth Service Corps has just notified Nelle Crout, 1st Lieutenant, A. N. C., that the Nurses in Unit 13 are to report on January 15th, 1943, for Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.

ALUMNAE BUSINESS

The annual meeting of the Alumnae Ass'n was held Dec. 1st. Officers elected were—President, Grace Robeson Allen; 2nd Vice-President, Ada Quinzel; Treasurer, Dorothy Ellis Van Gorp; and for Directors, Elphia Flugum and Mary Watson.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Miss Twitchell for the "fine work she has done for the Association as President and for her generosity in the time, effort, and thought she has expended in making the two years of her service as President a success."

Mrs. Allen may be assured of our best wishes and the loyal support of the Association in the task she will undertake.

Homecoming this year had Mr. Goodspeed, Mr. Hensel, and Dr. Apfelbach as special guests. It was the same happy time full of chatter and good food and a very good turnout. Among the out of town guests were Velma Pickard Mower, 1925; of Burlington, Wis.; Elizabeth Hall Temme, 1925, of Racine, Wis.; Thayer Thompson Todd, 1910, of Elkhart, Ind.; and Julie Neville Raymond, 1933, of Glasgow, Ky.

One of those very fine photos of Miss McMillan which many of you saw at Homecoming may be secured for 50c plus the cost of mailing, while they last.

We have on file some good pictures of Mr. Bacon's "Alumnae Drive" including one of the pines which named the drive. It is good to see Mr. Bacon around the hospital again.

ALUMNAE WAR NEWS

25 of Unit 13's nurses in uniform sat on the platform with Major Julia Stimson recently at the Army Nurse Recruitment program here in Chicago.

15 nurses in uniform attended Unit 13's big party on December 13th.

There have been a few resignations from Unit 13 by girls who wish to go into foreign service sooner, etc. This leaves a few vacancies for those of you who may be interested now.

Harriet Woods, 1937, who has been on duty at Ellington Field in Texas, has resigned from Unit 13 and gone into immediate foreign service with a smaller Unit.

Sylvia Vant Antwerp, 1938, is the first nurse to be assigned to an air evacuation unit by the 6th service command. Lt. Van Antwerp is based at Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky. For the last two years she has been a stewardess for the United Airlines. "Her new duties consist of being nurse in charge of an air hospital—a transport plane accommodating 40 patients. The hospital planes will go directly into the combat zones to evacuate those men who need more care than is available there. There are numerous opportunities in this new field for graduate nurses with some flying experience."

Will you please let us know the whereabouts of any Alumnus who is serving in the Army, Navy, or Red Cross Reserve on active duty, whose name does not appear on this list.

Dorothy Ainsworth, Jane Chadwick, Nelle Crout, Isabelle Ditton, Jean Fowler, Anita Foss, Edith Gaeckle, Gladys Heikens, Betty Holmgren, Grace Hubbard, Margaret Jalkanen, Helen Kallenberg, Helen Lyon, Agnes Link, Betty Minty, Myrna Muckler, Dorothy Nelson, Irene Schermerhorn, Florence Schneider, Edith Schroll, Mary Elizabeth Simons, Alice Spellman, Ruth Sperling, Myrtle Swanson, Daisy Teeslink, Sylvia Van Antwerp, Ada Van Oss, Audrey Ione Williams, Harriet Woods, Mary Holcomb.

clear across the valley. I looked back of some bamboo curtains I have there and sure enough, some of the thumb tacks had come out. We first blacked out with heavy blue denim at 50c a yard but it takes two thicknesses and is expensive. Finally we were able to get some "wet or dry" roofing paper—a three ply paper—the center one a black tar—and the two outer a tan color, and it sells for 25c a yard. We first blacked out just the bathroom—for we thought it would be for only a few nights, but it was uncomfortable there so we blacked out my room. Later we decided this was going to last some time and blacked out the living room, and we are so glad we did because the radio is there and we could not use it in the other rooms."

Esther Salzman, 1933, is mentioned in the Station Letter from Kinwa, East China last Fall. "In the few months since our last report we have had no air raids. Rebuilding is going on and everybody is busy. The blockade is becoming tighter. Supplies are brought in with difficulty by those who are clever enough to run the blockade. The hospital work is heavy. Our new nurse, Miss Esther Salzman, is giving considerable attention to it in addition to her language study. She does not annoy people by saying 'This is not the way we do it in Chicago,' a comment so easy to make. We are taking in 15 new students so she will have plenty of raw material to work on. Tuberculosis is on the increase. Recently six urgent cases came to our attention, two teachers, three nurses and the Dean of the nurses' school. They must have good food and long continued rest in bed, which they cannot afford. Miss Salzman recently received a specific gift from Wheaton College friends and others. She is using this money to rent and equip a house as a T. B. sanitarium, which can accommodate about ten patients."

Anne Husiak Bily, 1938, writes from Sitka, Alaska, "It has been five months since we came up here and I must say, in spite of the war, it is really one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen. Sitka is a panorama of sea, snow-capped mountains, and evergreen forest. Our living room windows look out over the Bay and the ocean, fifteen miles away, and we never tire of the view. The other day we spotted about ten sea lions

playing about five feet off shore. Sitka is full of historical interest. It was the old Russian Capital and so many of the places which were important in their time are still standing. It is said that one can pick up, in the park, cannon balls which were fired back in 1785, but I've had no luck so far. Old Totem poles are still standing; as yet I cannot read them but it is so interesting to know the history that each pole tells. The natives are a mixture, although the main tribe are Thinglets (pronounced klinket). They used to be quite war-minded and once whipped out the Russian Settlers way back when. Sitka is one of the few spawning grounds of the herring and there are billions of them at our front door (late March). The natives consider the eggs a great treat and row out a 100 feet to throw in fir branches to stay over night. The next morning these are covered with eggs which are put, branches and all, into a pot of boiling water and seal oil for three seconds. The eggs are then eaten off the branches! We had them but I guess you have to get used to them, the eggs aren't too bad but the seal oil is another story! My husband is pastor of the First Presbyterian church which has 350 members, both native and white. The choir of fifty native students from the Sheldon Jackson Presbyterian School can not be beat. I've taken the Instructors course in First Aid and am teaching it. The Naval Base has a hospital but Sitka has none, altho at the rate babies are born here we surely need one."

WEDDINGS

Henrietta Rusch, 1926, to Mr. Robert F. Goodspeed on July 24th in Evanston.

Marie Harden, 1929, to Mr. Max Geisler on September 1st in Chicago, Ill.

Elizabeth Bond, 1930, to Mr. Richard R. Pemberton on June 27th in Chico, California, where they will reside.

Adella Remus, 1936, to Mr. Fred Cooper.

Mildred Richardson, 1938, to Dr. Walter B. Hill early this summer at Pasadena, California.

Jane Clark, 1938, to Mr. Robert K. Shannon on June 20th in Washington, D. C.

Barbara Cruickshank, 1939, to Dr. Jacob Lutz on July 12th in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Susan Lederer, 1940, to Mr. Donald Walters in Nebraska.

Carol Lee Smith, 1940 to Mr. William P. Berkheiser, December 31st, in Norfolk, Virginia.

Charlotte King, 1940, to Mr. Wesley H. Kraay on April 3rd in Riverside, Illinois.

Matilda Woodford, 1941, to Mr. Milton Klow, brother of Florence Klow, 1929, on June 1st in Chicago, Illinois.

Gwendolyn Killilea, 1941, to Mr. James Lorimer on August 8th in Highland Park, Illinois. Mr. Lorimer is stationed in Florida with the Naval Reserve and Mrs. Lorimer is "serving" in F. operating rooms.

Elizabeth Duncan, 1941, to Mr. William Laforge on June 9th at St. Jarloth's Church in Chicago.

Lucille George, 1941, to Mr. Robert H. Wallace on August 24th at Pottawattomie Lodge in Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Josephine Duven, 1942, to Mr. Clarence E. Hendren on September 7th in Cherokee, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Hendren will make their home in Chicago.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Davis (Katherine Livingston, 1929) of Burbank, Calif., a daughter, Betty Livingston, on May 16th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kuthe, Jr. (Myrtle Gotsch, 1931), of Melrose Park, Ill., a daughter, Carolyn Ann, on August 11th at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hackett (Lillian Hoffman, 1931), a daughter, Elizabeth Ellen, on July 19th at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. C. Wesley Eisele (Blanche Kennell, 1931), a son, John William, on September 7th., at Chicago Lying-In Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin (Mildred McKnight, 1932), a son, on September 5th at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. Walter Dailey (Margaret Anderson, 1938), of Grand Forks, N. Dak., a daughter, Jean Marilyn, on August 20th.

To Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Kraatz (Susan Hayne, 1939), a daughter, Margaret, on August 4th at Pres.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Palmer (Harriet Van Buskirk, 1940), of Seattle, Wash., a son, Richard James, on August 3rd.

Remember the Alumnae Meeting at 4 P. M. on Tuesday, October 6th. Let us start this year right with a good attendance.

Alumnae News Letter

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NOTICE

December 21st, 1942—Headquarters of the Sixth Service Corps has just notified Nelle Crout, 1st Lieutenant, A. N. C., that the Nurses in Unit 13 are to report on January 15th, 1943, for Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.

ALUMNAE BUSINESS

The annual meeting of the Alumnae Ass'n was held Dec. 1st. Officers elected were—President, Grace Robeson Allen; 2nd Vice-President, Ada Quinnel; Treasurer, Dorothy Ellis Van Gorp; and for Directors, Elphia Flugum and Mary Watson.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Miss Twitchell for the "fine work she has done for the Association as President and for her generosity in the time, effort, and thought she has expended in making the two years of her service as President a success."

Mrs. Allen may be assured of our best wishes and the loyal support of the Association in the task she will undertake.

Homecoming this year had Mr. Goodspeed, Mr. Hensel, and Dr. Apfelbach as special guests. It was the same happy time full of chatter and good food and a very good turnout. Among the out of town guests were Velma Pickard Mower, 1925; of Burlington, Wis.; Elizabeth Hall Temme, 1925, of Racine, Wis.; Thayer Thompson Todd, 1910, of Elkhart, Ind.; and Julie Neville Raymond, 1933, of Glasgow, Ky.

One of those very fine photos of Miss McMillan which many of you saw at Homecoming may be secured for 50c plus the cost of mailing, while they last.

We have on file some good pictures of Mr. Bacon's "Alumnae Drive" including one of the pines which named the drive. It is good to see Mr. Bacon around the hospital again.

ALUMNAE WAR NEWS

25 of Unit 13's nurses in uniform sat on the platform with Major Julia Stimson recently at the Army Nurse Recruitment program here in Chicago.

15 nurses in uniform attended Unit 13's big party on December 13th.

There have been a few resignations from Unit 13 by girls who wish to go into foreign service sooner, etc. This leaves a few vacancies for those of you who may be interested now.

Harriet Woods, 1937, who has been on duty at Ellington Field in Texas, has resigned from Unit 13 and gone into immediate foreign service with a smaller Unit.

Sylvia Vant Antwerp, 1938, is the first nurse to be assigned to an air evacuation unit by the 6th service command. Lt. Van Antwerp is based at Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky. For the last two years she has been a stewardess for the United Airlines. "Her new duties consist of being nurse in charge of an air hospital—a transport plane accommodating 40 patients. The hospital planes will go directly into the combat zones to evacuate those men who need more care than is available there. There are numerous opportunities in this new field for graduate nurses with some flying experience."

Will you please let us know the whereabouts of any Alumnus who is serving in the Army, Navy, or Red Cross Reserve on active duty, whose name does not appear on this list.

Dorothy Ainsworth, Jane Chadwick, Nelle Crout, Isabelle Ditton, Jean Fowler, Anita Foss, Edith Gaeckle, Gladys Heikens, Betty Holmgren, Grace Hubbard, Margaret Jalkanen, Helen Kallenberg, Helen Lyon, Agnes Link, Betty Minty, Myrna Muckler, Dorothy Nelson, Irene Schermerhorn, Florence Schneider, Edith Schroll, Mary Elizabeth Simons, Alice Spellman, Ruth Sperling, Myrtle Swanson, Daisy Teeslink, Sylvia Van Antwerp, Ada Van Oss, Audrey Ione Williams, Harriet Woods, Mary Holcomb.

Agnes Link, 1923, is with the American Red Cross at Wahiawa Emergency Hospital, Oahu, T. H. She has met a Dr. Fritchen who was one of Desse Greek's patients in the last war, and who is now in the Navy Med. Corps and was in charge of their work all thru those terrific days after Pearl Harbor.

Ruth Sperling, 1929, writes from Camp Walters, Texas, "I like it here very much although everything is very different. The hospital is quite large, built on one floor with wards projecting from the main corridors. The nurses occupy five buildings and there are 24 in our quarters. There are two bathrooms but each nurse has her room. The group in our corridor seems congenial and are quite young. Twelve nurses left last week for foreign service and a number more have been under orders for some time."

Gladys Heikens, 1930, has arrived safely with the West Suburban Unit somewhere in the Pacific.

Margaret Jalkanen, 1940, writes from Amarillo, Texas, "Am here at a new Air Corps base hospital and I love it. These Texans are charming and altho this life is very different it is all very exciting. We are the first nurse corps in the air corps which is interesting, we think. Our Chief Nurse is Jeanette Fowler, 1924. The Army work is fine and you may quote me to anyone who is interested. The best of everything to all of you."

Marie Carlson Stone, 1940, is at Amarillo, also, as her husband, Dr. Herman Stone, is located there.

Jane Chadwick, 1936, writes from "foreign service": "Since we left the ship life has been interesting. Our first night ashore was spent at some camp where we enjoyed a hot lunch on arrival and slept in tents. The following morning we left for a short vacation which was enjoyed by all. Our trip up was by train and while waiting for it we were somewhat introduced to the natives. For the most part they were a filthy lot, wearing the dirtiest garments I have ever seen. They made me think of a bunch of sleepwalkers with their flowing robes like old fashioned nightdresses. We were besieged by venders and sellers of iced drinks. And we just looked and looked at them as they did at us.

The train took us over barren desert land with few rolling hills but the sunset made up for lack of other scenery. The cloud formations were beautiful and colored the most gorgeous blues and pinks I have ever seen. They seemed to rise right out of the ground in the distance.

At first we made an attempt to keep ourselves dusted off but the job was endless and we decided we would only wear ourselves, the brush and our arms out so we decided against it.

We made several stops and people, especially barefoot children, came to the train begging for alms. Where they lived had us stumped as we saw no houses or tents. At one station there were at least a dozen children many of them of the same age, and one man. We managed to ask the man whose children they were and he claimed them all! Well, so many of the same age seemed incredible—but perhaps he had more than one wife.

On arriving at our destination we were taken to various hotels in English lorries with padded seats, not bad! The following morning we were wakened by the noise of any large city, street cars, autos and one strange note—the shrill cry of the hawker. Looking out our french doors we saw strange structures so we knew we had not dreamed it all. The city itself is quite modern tho the buildings are old and close together. Our trip thru the streets was interesting altho some of the native houses are the most squalid I ever hope to see, and there are so many crippled and blind people. We also had an opportunity to see the Bazaar and I could have spent hours there. We saw cameo cutting, copper smithing, leather work, rug making, and the workmanship is beyond description, everything so beautiful.

The street cleaners have it easy. They just sweep everything in one pile in a corner, then a woman dressed in black, barefooted but with a veil over her face, comes along, scoops the whole lot up in her skirts and takes it away—for fuel!

There are some lovely looking people who live in most beautiful homes. Greetings to all."

Selma Moody, who was instructor in Nursing Arts here for 2 years, is at Ft. Fitzsimons, Colo., and has been appointed a Chief Nurse.

She writes: "Am having quite a time

teaching ward boys, as our orderlies are called. The last major episode occurred when a patient gave a boy a \$10 bill and sent him to the Px (Postal Exchange) for stationery. The boy came back loaded down with \$10 worth of stationery! *He* didn't "question his orders"! Can you imagine me trying to teach an Arkansas farm boy how to take a pulse? After practice on four pts. his pulse was 100 and I don't know WHAT mine was!

It takes me about 8 minutes to walk fast from my ward to the new Nurses' Mess. Our hospital has 5 miles of corridors. We are situated fairly close to the foothills and when on night duty I could hear the coyotes howl about 4 A. M. Plenty weird, I can assure you.

Colorado Springs—in contrast to Chicago—has more soldiers than sailors. The Air Base east of town and our own camp outnumber the civilian population in Colorado Springs, so you can imagine what Wednesday and Saturday nights in town are like.

Yesterday we had a wonderful ride along Rampart Range Road—up where there were four inches of snow. Pikes Peak and all the mountain range north towards Denver were gorgeous in white. Saw several cars from Tenn., etc., and their occupants were having a wonderful time in the snow. Probably those children had never seen it before.

On my day off for the month I am going to Pueblo—about 45 miles south. When I came out our train stopped there beside a trainload of Japanese who were being taken to a camp. Seemed strange to see military police with arms presented, posted at each door. There were also 2 women in white who were, I assumed, nurses."

ALUMNAE NEWS

Millie Brown Sebert, 1909, and her candles "made" an interesting article in the Chicago Sun, this fall.

Mabel Scott Adams, 1914, of Weirton, W. Va., is enjoying a stay in Chicago, renewing acquaintances and visiting her daughter, Mary Eleanor, who is House Mother at the Protestant Child Haven on the South Side here.

Mary Ross Robson, 1916, who with her husband, Dr. Robson, were in the first Unit 13, has gone back to nursing in the Ruther-

ford County Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Winifred Gasteyer Creevy, 1918, is at the Arden Shore Camp at Lake Bluff, Ill.

Maude Emery Mulsow, 1920, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., is serving as President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Iowa State Medical Society this year and finds the work very interesting and worth while. 10 doctors have been called from Mrs. Mulsow's county so they are very busy and she finds her nurses' training "priceless."

Hildegarde Sumner Doll, 1924, has been busy organizing First Aid Units for new Defense Industry just east of Chicago. Starting with a First Aid kit on a sand pile while the plant was being built, she has now several complete units.

Hazel Taylor, 1921, is a P. H. nurse for Marathon County and is located at Wausau, Wis. She writes, "They have a fine program here and my district is all of the territory east of the Wisconsin River in this county. In general our work is arranged like this—one day each week in school inspection (I have 50 schools in my district); one day each week at a clinic (T. B., vaccination, orthopedic, and child health clinics); two days each week in home visiting (following up school contacts, T. B. cases, contagious diseases and new babies); one full day each week in the office writing Doctors, teachers, patients, and doing clerical work on records, etc.; and the half day each week is spent in Home Nursing classes in different places around the County. The program, as you see, is varied and interesting and the driving *so far* has been easy and the countryside lovely. Wish I might be with you all for Homecoming."

Winina Hayenga Thorne, 1928, sends Christmas Greetings to you all from Cape-town, South Africa. "Since it was hard to get to America we are taking our furlough in South Africa. It took us five weeks to get to Pretoria from our station. We went by car, river boat, plane, and train. We are enjoying South Africa very much and are getting lots of good exercise climbing mountains.

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Margaret Handlin, 1929, is also taking a course in P. H. here. Helen Jones Dorrance, 1935, writes that her husband is in the Army. She is still in Bluffton, Ind., and helps in the hospital there whenever she can get help with the care of her little girls. Peggy Brown Woodall, 1935, writes that they have recently been transferred to South Carolina. Dorothy Stephens Augustine writes that her husband is in England.

One of Dr. L. C. Gatewood's patients is a secretary at the school here. In June I'll be back in Alabama again and glad for I think the sunny south has it all over this damp rainy Cleveland weather! My best wishes to you all."

Jennie Spoelstra, 1935, is planning to take a course at the Lobenstein School of Midwifery this coming spring, on a scholarship from the Children's Bureau. On finishing she will be a field nurse at the Maternity Hospital in Oneida, Ky. "This hospital is the only one of its kind in the U. S. and is operated on the basis that no mother is to be excluded on the basis of inadequate finances. It, too, is a project of the Children's Bureau, and is set up with a full time obstetrician, graduate nurse staff and four nurse midwives (eventually). The midwifery course is also available under Miss Breckenridge who is about 70 miles from here."

Lois Stoddard Kunckel, 1937, sends Xmas greetings from Savannah, Ga.

Amy Ingram, 1938, writes from the Latin-American hospital in Puebla, Mexico: "I am thinking about my vacation and it is so cold and windy to-day that all I can think of in the way of comfort is a log cabin and a crackling fire. I may go to Guadalajara to attend a convention and then on to Acapulco. These last two weeks I have been on my own here in the hospital—Miss Ulbrich, the other American Nurse, is on vacation. She has charge of maternity and the first day she was gone we had three babies, a boy and twin girls. The little twins got along fine so I am thrilled. They were tiny—weighed only 2 kilos, 200 grams (?), when they went home but they had started

to gain and the mother had enough milk for both.

Last week I gave blood for a transfusion for a typhoid patient and he is improving steadily. There has been and still is a lot of typhoid this year. It is surely wise to protect oneself.

We are interviewing girls for next year's class, which enters February 1st. The new wing of our hospital is nearly ready. It contains 7 rooms with private bath and shower, built-in wardrobes, venetian blinds and hush-tone radios."

Lois Brown Thompson, 1940, writes: "We have been located in Oklahoma City since last Feb. when Capt. Thompson, M. D., received his commission in the army. He is now stationed in a sub-depot group at the air depot and is in training for oversea duty. We feel blessed in our healthy happy baby girl. I want to get back into nursing as soon as I can.

Carol Lee Smith Berkheiser, 1940, is doing private duty in Streator, Ill., now while her husband is located in Seneca with work in the ship yards there.

Freida Bauerle, 1941, is working at the Fairbury Hospital in Fairbury, Ill.

Delmara Sollis, 1941, is the new head nurse on 2nd lower. Miss Delahoyde married and left to be near her husband who is in service.

Margaret Kooser, 1942, has recently been appointed a P. H. nurse in Tama County, Iowa.

We wonder if any of you remember a now serious and sedate member of our profession and our Alumnae whose most embarrassing "Prelim" moment came to her when she cockily offered to pilot the class through a short cut to the dining room in the old Nurses' Home? Perhaps some of you also remember an impromptu party on St. Patrick's Day when the guests were invited to wear whatever they thought the old Saint would like to have them wear. It was in the days of long gauze shimmy-shirts, we believe. Was there an unbidden guest, perhaps?

(If anyone has similar memories that should be aired and shared we will be glad to assist by noting same in this screed.)

WEDDINGS

Alice Stafford Snapp, 1912, sends an announcement of the marriage of her daughter, Mary Elizabeth to Mr. John G. Cook, Jr., on October 10th in Chicago.

Alma May Stewart, 1921, to Mr. John Scott Findley on December 3rd, in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Findley will be at home in Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

Helen Hutchinson, 1931, to Mr. T. Robert Edwards on July 24th in Elwood, Ill. At present Mrs. Edwards is First Aid Nurse at the Elwood Shell Loading Plant.

Rachel Foster, 1934, to Pvt. C. Frank Stroud, Jr., on June 12th at the First Baptist Church in New Orleans, La. Mrs. Stroud is a P. H. nurse for the Forsyth-Stokes-Yadkin and Davie District and is located at Mocksville in Davie County, N. C.

Helen Hendrickson, 1937, to Major Harry W. Sweeting, U. S. A., on September 26th, at Crewe, Va. Mrs. Sweeting is at present working in Chicago.

Elizabeth Giles, 1938, to Julius A. Freeman, Ph. M., U. S. Army, in San Francisco, Calif. Mrs. Freeman will continue her work as surgical supervisor at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco.

Vianna Simolin, 1938, to Mr. Jack Lehigh on October 7th in Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Lehigh is in service with the U. S. Coast Guard and Mrs. Lehigh is working in Chicago for the present.

Eleanor Rust, 1941, to Dr. Frank W. Lyon on October 24th at the Presidio Chapel in San Francisco. Dr. Lyon is at the Letterman General Hospital and he and Mrs. Lyon will reside in San Francisco.

Ruth Wylder, 1941, to Dr. J. Harold Schultz, on December 22, at the Presbyterian Church in Morrison, Ill. After January 1st Dr. and Mrs. Schultz will be located in Minneapolis where she will be engaged in general duty while her husband serves his internship at the Swedish Hospital there.

Eleanor Cass, 1942, to Dr. Robert L. Lafler on November 29th. Dr. and Mrs. Lafler will be located in Connecticut for the "duration."

Jayn Kassner, 1942, to Mr. Charles J. Sheridan on October 10th in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they will reside.

Josephine Duven, 1942, to Mr. Clarence E. Hendren on September 7th in Cherokee, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Hendren are located in Chicago.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dr. and Mrs. C. Wesley Eisele (Blanche Kennell, 1931), a son, John William, on September 7th at Chicago Lyin-In.

To Dr. and Mrs. Willard de Young (Virginia Hoskins, 1932) a daughter, Sara Mead, on October 7th, at Pres.

To Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Innes McKenzie (Esther Brooks, 1935), a daughter, Esther Innes, on September 19th in Elgin, Ill.

To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Renzema (Tena Havinga, 1937) a son, on November 24th in W. Lafayette, Ind.

To Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Armstrong (Helen Currier, 1938), a daughter, Patricia Ann, on December 8th.

To Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Eckberg (Marion Fairbanks, 1938), a son on September 16th at Galva, Ill.

To Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Pfantz (Olga Hohm, 1941), a daughter, Judith Ann, in September at Bennington, Kan.

To Rev. and Mrs. F. K. Mullendore (Genevieve Stasky, 1941), a son, Stanley Kirk, in October in Clinton, Okla.

SYMPATHY

The sincere sympathy of the Alumnae Association is extended to—

Mabel Brown Liddell, 1915, whose husband, Major James M. Liddell, lost his life in the crash of an army bomber near Tehachapi, Calif., this fall. Major Liddell was called to active service from the army reserve last January.

Mary Ross Robson, 1916, whose husband, Dr. W. J. Robson, died last June in Murfreesboro, Ten.

Louise Simmons Schneider, 1921, whose mother died early in November in Pontiac, Ill. Mrs. Schneider will remain with her father.

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